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SUBJECT: SPANISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FONMIN CORTINA, SPANISH AMBASSADOR
ALBA ASKED AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY FOR OUR THINKING ON THE

SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS TO NEGOTIATE A NEW DEFENSE COOPERA-
TION AGREEMENT.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 11 MCCLOSKEY MET WITH ALBA AND PRESENTED
HIM WITH THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

"THE DISCUSSIONS TO CONTINUE DEFENSE COOPERA-
TION AS EMBODIED IN THE AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL
BUILD ON THE POSITIVE FRAMEWORK ACHIEVED IN THE
DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

"WE SUGGEST THAT THE FIRST MEETING BE
DEVOTED TO ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS SUCH AS
THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS
AND THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE FIRST SERIES OF
SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS. PERHAPS THIS FIRST
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MEETING COULD TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK FOLLOWING

THE MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER CORTINA AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER. THE PRINCIPAL
NEGOTIATORS MIGHT WISH TO LIMIT THE NUMBER
OF ADVISORS PRESENT FOR THIS ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING.

"WE WOULD THEN SUGGEST THAT THE FIRST
ROUND OF SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS BEGIN IN MID-
OCTOBER AND CONCENTRATE ON DEFINING THE
SCOPE OF THE DISCUSSIONS. BY FOCUSING ON
AREAS OF GENERAL AGREEMENT AND BY IDENTIFYING
ISSUES WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER CLARIFICATION,
THE DISCUSSIONS CAN THEN PROCEED IN AN ORDERLY
FASHION."

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